

Introductory Paragraph Rubric:

| | 5 points – Exceeds Standard | 4 points – Meets Standard | 3 points – Approaches Standard | 2 points – Below Standard | 1 point – Far Below Standard |
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| Introductory Paragraphs – I can write the first paragraph of an essay with an engaging hook, a main idea (thesis statement), and an introduction to the main points (what each paragraph is about) | My paragraph has a good hook that grabs the reader's attention, states the main idea of the essay, and introduces the main points of each paragraph. | My paragraph has a hook, and I state the main idea of the essay. I list some of the main points I will be discussing in each paragraph. | My paragraph does not have a hook. I state the main idea of the essay and I list some of the main points I will be discussing in each paragraph | My paragraph does not have a hook. I state the main idea of the essay but I don't list any of the main points I will be discussing in each paragraph | I did not make an attempt or do not understand how to write an introductory paragraph. |